(d) whether Government have received any representations against the discrimination; and

(e) if so, by when the said increments would also be given to the promotees fresh appointees of 1989 and 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Three additional increments have not been granted to Technical Assistants working in Joint Cipher Bureau, Ministry of Defence, subsequent to implementation of Fourth Pay Commission, that is 1st January, 1986, as the Commission did not make any such recommendation. However, the Technical Assistants promoted prior to 1st January, 1986, who were undergoing training on that date, were granted three additional increments.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Fourth Pay Commission did not make such recommendation.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government have not agreed as Fourth Pay Commission did not make such recommendation.

ORDERS REGARDING SUPPLY OF PRODUCT TO DEFENCE SERVICES

3115. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Memorandum No. DPC|13(19)|91-Fin., dated 7th May, 1992 circulated by the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Industry to all the Administrative Ministries in the context of liberalised policy, the Scheme of giving price preference to Public Enterprises has been dispensed with ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite this policy, as per Advertisement No. I-17012|17|90-CLM, dated 24th March, 1993, issued by the Army Purchase Organisation, registration as approved contractors for supply of Vanaspati and Edible Oils has been restricted to Public Enterprises|State-level Federations only; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to permit registration of Vanaspati manufacturing Units in the Private sector so as to ensure supplies of quality products to the Defence Service, at the most competitive rates as had been done in the past ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) As per the policy of the Government, procurement of Vanaspati and Edible Oils for Defence Services is made only from Public Sector Undertaking and State level Cooperative Federations having their own manufacturing unit in the case of Vanaspati having their own plant or plants taken on long term lease in the case of edible oils. Vanaspati and edible oils are procured at most competitive rates and no price preference is given to anyone.

(c) Dos not arise.

FAILURE TO PREVENT ENCROACHMENTS IN JHANSI AND KANPUR CANTONMENTS

3116. SHRI RARIQUE ALAM :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been failing to protect Government properties within Jhansi and Kanpur Cantonments;

(b) whether Cantonment Officers have been approaching Government to regularise encroachment with retrospective effect in some cases;

(c) whether a section of officials are hand in glove with encroachers and illegal builders;

(d) if so, what punitive measures are being taken against the defaulting officials; and

(e) what is the present status of premises number 128, The Mall, Kanpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (e) Cantonment Boards Jhansi and Kanpur have been taking action under the Cantonments Act, 1924 and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 protect Government properties from the encroachers in the Cantonments.

In Kanpur Cantonment, 4 encroachments have been reported on A-I land comprising Survey No. 220, 329, 746 and 776A which were of 1976—82 vintage. Action under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 to remove these encroachments have been initiated. Cantonment Board Kanpur has, in two special drives in September 1990 and November 1992, removed 2500 encroachments on the land under its management. As on 1-10-1993 there are 2165 encroachments covering an area of 35.5 acres.

In Jhansi Cantonment, 3 encroachments on A-I land of 1972-73 vintage have been reported. Two cases pertaining to Balmiki Mandir and Kali Mandir have been regularised by the Government on 10-12-80. The third case is pending in Allahabad High Court. Cantonment Board, Jhansi in a special drive, removed 17 encroachments covering an area of 402.60 square metres in 1992-93 and 23 encroachments covering an area of 230.06 sq. metres in 1993-94. Two cases are pending in civil courts. In one case, action has been initiated under the relevant provisions for eviction. At present, there are 22 encroachments covering an area of 1900 sq. metres approximately.

Action has been taken to remove these encroachments and some of thse encroachers have gone to courts.

No instance of Cantonment officers approaching Government to regularise encroachments with retrospective effect and their connivence with encroachers have come to the notice of the Government.

As regards Bungalow No. 128, The Mall, Kanpur, the premises are held on lease under the Cantonment Code, 1912. As the lessee had carried out certain deviations from the sanctioned building plans, the Cantonment Board had initiated prosecution under Section 184 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 and also issued notices under Sections 185 and 256 of the Act. The party had submitted an appeal under Section 274 of the Cantonments Act. The Cantonment Board had filed a civil suit in the Court of Munsif, Kanpur against the party for permanent injunction.

CHINESE NAVAL SHIPS IN INDIAN WATERS

3117. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese Naval Ships have been found in the Indian Waters for the first time;

(b) if so, whether any agreement for port calls in India by the Chinese was signed;

(c) if so, what are the main purposes of Chinese Naval Ships entering into Indian waters; and

(d) what was the main purpose of allowing the Chinese ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) A Chinese Navy's Cadet Training Ship ZHENZ HE visited Bombay from 15th to 19th November, 1993. The tradition of goodwill visits to Indian ports by ships belonging to foreign navies, is an established one.